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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement Comment

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Microsoft Settlement. I am the President of a software development company. Contrary to the anti-trust charges, Microsoft has enabled me to build a global business that employs twenty people.

Prior to Microsoft, the software we purchased was expensive, failed to integrate, and we always risked the failure of the company. Microsoft has provided us consistent products that we require to successfully develop our own applications.

I feel that the Settlement is important to putting this behind us. The remedy is reasonable and will benefit many children who would not otherwise have this opportunity.

We live in a competitive world. Today I compete with companies in Europe, India, and China. It is only through innovative software that we keep our advantage. Microsoft's software and integrated solutions is essential to our continued success.

Sincerely, Michael Whitesage

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